

LIEUT. PAT O'BRIEN FOUND SHOT TO DEATH

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GARY IS PUZZLED OVER A \$100,000 U. S. BOND MYSTERY

WHO OWNS THESE U. S. CERTIFICATES

Bonds Discovered in Possession of Express Company Owner

(BULLETIN)
Attorney W. J. Whinery of Hammond has been retained by Mr. Jagger to determine the whereabouts of the bonds which the express company owner has been holding in his possession.

Contrary to reports, Jagger has made every effort possible in finding the owner of the bonds. He has been unsuccessful in his efforts to locate the owner of the bonds.

Unless the rightful owner appears and proves his claim, the bonds belong to Mrs. Jagger, said Mr. Whinery today. "It is a case of finding an article and possession lies with her agent."

HOW STORY CAME TO LIGHT.
The story of the discovery of the bonds came to light with the announcement of attorneys for Jagger that they had been retained by the express company owner.

MAY HAVE BEEN LOOT.
The possibility that the bonds had been part of a loot taken from Benjamin Hinkovitz, the messenger who was slain in New Bridgeport, Conn., after a pouch containing \$300,000 worth of securities had been taken from him, is hinted at by detectives who are working on the case.

THE disappearance of Mrs. Charles C. Jagger, following revelation of the \$100,000 tax bonds, added a new element of mystery to the story.

COMPETENT with the unexplained absence of Mrs. Jagger from her home in 725 Adams st. last night and today, the principals in the case who include Herman Faber, alleged to have sold three of the \$100,000 government notes to an Indianapolis Justice of the Peace.

MR. JAGGER refused to tell blank last night to the whereabouts of Mrs. Jagger. Over the telephone he told a Times reporter that the whole story was a "pipe dream."

JAGGER showed a young Gary lady ten \$10,000 bills yesterday. Jagger has told seven or eight conflicting stories regarding how he came in possession of the bonds, it was stated by reliable authority today.

Did You Hear That

GERALD EMMETT who is in St. Margaret's hospital is showing fine improvement.

MISS HARRINGTON is making steady progress in the hospital.

FRANK REICHMANN, county superintendent of schools, was a Hammond native.

THE Red girls basketball team will go to Crown Point shortly to play a return game with the Letz girls' team.

A TELEGRAM received by his family from San Francisco announced that Dr. G. L. Smith has returned home.

THE flu has made its appearance in Hammond for the first time this season and a number of cases are reported by physicians.

HUNTERS should remember that Monday is the last day of the open season for hunting birds. No more quail shooting after that date.

ALL of the city officers were closed yesterday afternoon during the funeral services for the late John D. Smalley.

COUNTY Surveyor Ray Seeley has just installed an expensive blue printing machine in his office, which will be able to handle any sized work.

"I'd like to see a good live anemometer thermometer some where in town where a fellow could size up the weather," said a Hammond man this morning.

SENTIMENT seems to be growing in favor of enlarging upon the memorial athletic park plan to make the place a general community center also in time.

"I SEE that 60,000 quarts of champagne are coming to this country for medicinal purposes," writes a D. Y. H. fan. "What disease do I have to get to get champagne?"

MIKE HITS, 548 Morton ave., bewails the loss of a Paige touring car which was stolen when he left it near Randolph and Canal street in Chicago. The car number was 102926.

BREAD in Hammond has to drop in price two cents a loaf before it reaches the figure at which it is now being sold in many other cities, ten for small and fifteen for the large loaves.

OLD Santa Claus will have a lame back if he has to handle all of the array of toys, lamps and furniture displayed as Christmas gifts in the windows of the Hammond Furniture Co. store.

MUCH favorable comment has been aroused by the beautiful window displays of table lamps and electric appliances, which the Northern Indiana Gas & Electric company has been showing.

MR. AND MRS. J. S. BLACKMUN have received the very good news from Denver that their son, Franklin, who has been ill so long, is showing material improvement and is able to sit up in bed.

NOT a complaint about the cold weather had been heard from C. C. Bonham for two or three days during the first of the week but now comes the little cold snap and starts him crabbing again.

IF the kids will only stay away for another day or so there should be good skating on the Harrison Park lagoon. It was entirely frozen over this morning and in places would support the weight of a man.

WHAT'S become of the man who used to come down town weather like this with a homemade shawl muffer wrapped around his neck and a hat on his head and the ends hanging down his back asks the Old Timer.

FEDERAL prohibition agents view with suspicion the marked increase in the number of stiff kates worn by fellows going to and from Chicago. As yet no evidence has been secured to prove the hats are being used for transporting liquor.

WHEN the deaf mute was making the rounds this week collecting dimes, several prominent men suspected that he was the "politest reporter" of a Chicago newspaper and just laid themselves out to be nice to him. One of them even slipped him 50 cents with a cheerful "God bless you."

BIG-HEARTED HERMAN KELLNER found something yesterday that he had been looking for years—a hungry man. The unfortunate man knocked at the Kellner home at breakfast time and asked for food and Herman set out in front of him a meal that was a feast.

OSCAR A. KRINBILL is another who believes that the man who has worked the deaf mute all his life ought to slack up now and then when he gets to be 50 or stand ready to take the consequences. "The trouble is," said the telephone manager, "man forget that their minds stay young, but their bodies do not."

MARTIN PIEMME has a new hat story. A friend of his attended a dance in Chicago and somebody told him that his new \$2 hat (his was five years ago) was the best he had ever seen.

Just received Holiday stock of Bonanza and Whittman's candles in one, two and five pound boxes. Newell's Drug Store 12-13-14

MIKE PULLED A BAD BONER

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DID FAMOUS FLYER TAKE OWN LIFE?



5 P.M. NEWS FLASHES

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TRAGIC END OCCURS IN LOS ANGELES

Career During Great War One
Of Most Spectacular
Ever Known

(BULLETIN)
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18, 1920.—Pat O'Brien killed himself with a .45 caliber army pistol in a fashionable hotel here following an unsuccessful effort to see his wife who is known as "Virginia Dare," a movie actress.

Only a coward would do what I am doing. But I guess I am one. With all my war record, I am just like the rest of the people in this world—a little bit of clay.

"And to you, my sweet little wife, I am, thinking of you and my dear sweet mother, my friends and others in this world has ever had, and curse forever that awful woman Sarah Otis that has broken our home and has taken you from me.

"She caused this life of mine, that just a few minutes ago was so happy, to go on that sweet adventure of death.

"Please send what you find back to my dear mother in Mommene, Ill.

"To the five armies I have been in, the birds, the animals I loved so well, to my friends, to all the world and to adventure, I say goodbye."

"PAT O'BRIEN."

(BULLETIN)
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 18.—Police officials today are investigating the mysterious death of Lieut. Pat O'Brien of Mommene, Ill., whose relatives live at Lowell, Ind., one of the most noted heroes of the great war, who was found shot to death in his room in a local hotel. It is believed O'Brien shot himself because of a separation from his wife with whom he had vainly attempted a reconciliation. A note found by the police, it is declared, bears out this theory.

MAY HAVE BEEN MURDERED.
The possibility that O'Brien's death may have been caused by an assassin, however, is being investigated.

O'Brien's career during the war was most spectacular. While a member of the Canadian flying corps, he was shot down behind the German lines and was held in a German hospital for many weeks and after his partial recovery was ordered to a prison camp.

LEAPS FROM TRAIN.
While en route to the camp he leaped from the window of a moving train and made his way across the whole of Germany to the Dutch frontier, burrowing his way under the famous German wire entanglement erected along the border and more dead than alive. His health shattered he returned to America.

Since the war he has written a book reciting his war experiences and has been in considerable demand as a lecturer on war topics.

Beyond the accusation mentioned in O'Brien's note, no reason was known today for his strange behavior. He was married less than a year ago. His wife, Sarah Otis, was a Miss Virginia Elizabeth Allen, a famous beauty of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Sarah Otis and Mrs. O'Brien had been stopping at the same hotel where O'Brien killed himself. Mrs. O'Brien was prostr